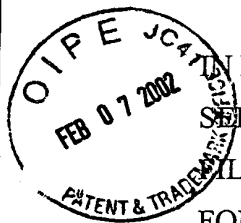


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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

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Responsive to the notification dated **December 13, 2001**, and in accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 371, Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration and a Preliminary Amendment. As a result of the Preliminary Amendment, no multiple dependencies remain in the claims. Accordingly, no additional claims fees are due.

The required surcharge was paid at the time of filing the application.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

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